

Richmond Times-Dispatch

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PRICE, SEVEN CENTS

THREE ARE INJURED IN FIRE DESTROYING NEWS LEADER PLANT

Reuben Scher, W. B. Ladd and Welford W. Ladd, Employees, Badly Burned.

PROPERTY LOSS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN \$125,000

Machinery Damage Approximately \$75,000; Building and Supplies Valued at \$50,000.

BLAZE STARTS IN MAILING-ROOM

Two Women, Cut Off by Fiames, Leap From Office Window to Pavement to Escape. .

and the News Leader plant, 9 North Eighth Street, was almost entirely destroyed as the result of fire which started shortly before 6 o'clock last It is estimated that the News Leader

damage will amount to approximately \$75,000, while the destruction of the building, which is owned by the Charles E. Whitlock estate, will put the combined loss at more than \$125,-

Reuben Scher, 702 North Sixth Street,

foreman of the News Leader mailing department, severe burns about the. face, hands and shoulders.

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Welford W. Ladd, Brook Hill, mailing-room clerk, shoulders hands and
face badly burned.

It was stated last night that Scher
and the Ladd brothers, who were in
the basement of the building when
the fire broke out, were compelled to
pass through a sheet of flames in escaping from the building. The three
young men were cut off by the flames
which had ascended from the flasement
through the elevator shaft and spread

fiss Emma Goff, cashier, and Miss th Martin, accountant, were working a room at the rear of the building and started to escape through a nat haliway. Before they could passible elevator shaft the flames had eaten are way upward and a wall of fire the will be the first time that any President and his career. In the first purpose is concerned as he in making up the peace delegation. For many reasons, the address of President and his appearance before they could be a president and his a

we don't think it would be dignitive firemen, who played two streams of the firemen, who played two streams of water upon the machines continually, they may not be beyond repair. Ten typesetting machines, valued at more than \$30,000 may be repaired, although a great quantity of type and other equipment was ruined. The stock of printing paper in the basement of the building was either ruined by fire or water, while the fixtures of the building were destroyed.

MANY AMERICAN SHIPS

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE TO UPPER DEPARTMENTS To upper departments

Inspection of the building by John Stewart Bryan, publisher of the News Leader; Dr. Douglas Freeman, editor, and firenen at 11 o'clock revealed the fact that the fire had done but little damage on the second floor of the building. Although the water had soaked the files and many books kept in the library on this floor, it was believed that these losses could be restored. The grantest damage was done on the third floor in the composing room, several of the typesetting machines being entirely ruined. Other equipment was intact, although much type was destroyed. The mailing list, one of the valuable assets of a newspaper plant, was found to be safe, as were the business and editorial files. The two large presses are believed to be in such condition as to insure their repair in a short time.

Mr. Bryan and Dr. Freeman accepted the offer of the use of The Times-Dispatch plant during this emergency and announced that publication would be maintained as usual. A business office will be opened on Main Street, at a place not definitely ascertained as yet, and plans will be hastened for new quarters.

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GERMANY SURRENDERS GOLD

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Although their burns are painful and scrious, the three young men caught in the fire are not believed to be fatally injured. Both the Ladd brothers are suffering from painful burns about the face and neck, while Scher's clothing, with the exception of his collar band, was burned from his body from the walst up. All three men were rushed to Grace Hospital as soon as they staggered from the building. Scher is well known in newspaper circles here, having been connected with various concerns for a number of years.

Mr. Bryan and Dr. Freeman were called from their homes as soon as the fire was discovered. Both assisted firemen in handling hose about the

BRYAN VIEWS HIS LOSS

with philosophy with a view of the plant is as nothing compared to the fact that our organization is intact," declared he our organization of the near heads was called. At the same time publishers of the building with the succeeded in entirely extinguishing the fire. This fire was confined he our organization of the News Leader until that newspaper can secure new could he out of the coulding which, within a few minutes after: ALBANY, N. Y. November 30.—The death sentence of Paul Chapman, and amount of suffering which would in the was feered in entirely extinguishing the fire. The fire was confined he our organization of the building, which, within a few minutes after: he wild for a time it was feered that the wallor a time it

Turn Lamps Out to Save Fuel in Vienna

VIENNA, November 30,—The grippe has become prevalent again here and at Budapest with more fatal results than in the former epiemic.
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. Vienna to-night for the first time took on the appearance of a war zone city, all the lights being turned low in order to save coal. All houses were shut up at 8 o'clock, the stores at 9 and the cafes at 10.

The political situation is pathetic. There is talk of a revolution on all sides, though those proposing to overthrow the government admit the uselessness of such an action.

Food conditions in Vienna are gradually becoming worse, with the poor enting black bread in small quantities and a soup made of water and baked flour or vegetables. The lack of fats is undermining strength. It is certain there are some provisions in the country districts, but the farmers part with their food supplies only to speculate in exchange for the shoes, clothes, tobacco or money they need. for the shoes, clothes, tobacco money they need.

PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS CONGRESS ON MONDAY

Expected That His Message Will Be Most Remarkable of His

SOME OPPOSITION DEVELOPING

Delegation of Democrats and Republicans to France to Obtain

which had ascended from the thisement through the elevator shaft and spread to other floors. They fought their way through the flames to the alley at the rear of the building, where all three dropped to the ground.

TWO WOMEN CUT OFF BY

FLAMES JUMP TO GROUND

Miss Emma Goff, cashier, and Miss

In a subject of his trip.

Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is like for complete ignorance as to whether the President will discuss his reasons for going abroad. It is possible, but not believed probable, that the President might ignore Congress completely so far as any explanation of his purpose is concerned as he did in making up the peace delegation.

MANY AMERICAN SHIPS WILL MEET PRESIDENT

GERMANY SURRENDERS GOLD

Report of Imperial Bank Claims to Show Compliance With Armistice Conditions.

Conditions.

[By Associated Press.]

BERLIN, November 30 (via Amsterdam).—Gold reserves in the Imperial Bank of Germany, in connection with the obligations undertaken under article 19 of the armistice terms. have undergone a reduction of 241,700,300 marks, according to the weekly report of the institution issued November 23. The gold reserves now stand at 2,308,558,000 marks.

Article 19 of the German armistice terms provided for the restitution of the Russian and Roumanian gold yield-ed to Germany or taken by that power. This gold was to be delivered in trust to the allies until the signature of

MORE ASSISTANTS

Major-General Kernan Is Chosen for the Military Personnel.

REPUBLICANS OPPOSE PLAN PLAN TO AGREE ON TERMS

Believed Movement Will Result Meanwhile It Becomes Necesin Senate Committee Being Sent Over.

cames of the American representa-tives were announced last night at the White House in a statement which add-ed only that the delay in announcing the personnel of the mission resulted from the uncertainty which prevailed until "a day or two ago" as to the number of representatives each of the chief beiligerents was to send.

attend the conference as director of specialists, a party of whom will accompany him from New York.

FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT HOLDS GERMANS GUILTY

Declares People Are as Much to Blame as the House of Hohen-zollern. [By Associated Press.]

ONFORD, O., November 30.—William Howard Taft, speaking before an audience to-night at Miami University on "the league of nations," said the German people were as much responsible 'for the war as the Hohenzollerns, in that by reason of their faulty education and the false philosophy they had been taught for years. Party.

IBy Associated Press. 1

LONDON. November 30.—President Wilson on reaching European waters, in all likelihood, will be escorted to Brest by only American warships, but by a formidable array of them. July education and the false philosophy they had been taught for years, they were willingly led. Mr. Taft said President Wilson's trip, it is understood that neither the French nor the British governments have been requested to aid in the naval reception.

American battleship commanders, probably all nine of them in these waters, are understood to be holding themselves in readiness to proceed to a point 100 miles or so off Brest to meet the presidential liner and battleship accompanying it. It is probable that twenty-four American topedo-boat destroyers will join in the reception.

the matter of the international league and that this country cannot draw back into its shell and say we will live unto ourselves and let the other nations go as they please.

Commenting on the objection offered by some people that a league of nations would be unconstitutional, Mr. Taft said such objections were not only illogical, but riduclous.

LEAVE LICE OVER THERE. ORDER TO U. S. SOLDIERS

New York's Health Officer Fears "Cooties" Will Bring Typhus and Trench Feyer Here. [By Associated Press.]

Trench Fever Here.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, November 30.—If New York and other ports of debarkation and not to be subjected to the old Mosaic plague of lice visited upon Pharoah and the ancient Egyptians, American soldiers returning from overseas must be thoroughly "de-loused" before they are permitted to meet their relatives, declared Health Commissioner Copeland, in a statement to-night.

Calling attention to the fact that typhus and trench fever are carried by "cooties," Dr. Copeland said:

"This matter is of such vital importance that no time whatever should be lost by the government authorities in preparing equipment and medical personnel adequate to meet the needs of this serious situation. A failure to make such provision might inflict an amount of suffering which would justify severe censure upon those responsible for such neglect."

Conferences Will Be Held by President Wilson and Allied Leaders.

sary to Extend Time of

PARIS, November 30 .- December 16 which the preliminary conferences will begin between President Wilson and Premiers Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando.

warrants the belief that the four nations represented by these men will before Christmas. The smaller nations are then expected to be consulted as to the details.

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Germany will not be called before late in January, it is believed, and then only to hear the results of the allied-American deliberations and to suggest modifications.

Meanwhile, the armistice will have to be prolonged, and that question is already being considered. No difficulties are looked for on that score.

The general feeling here is that once the allies and America have agreed on the main points, they will impose the peace terms upon Germany with little discussion.

Premier Clemenceau conferred with

MANY BID WELCOME TO RELEASED PRISONERS

One Hundred and Fifty Americans Are Released From German Prison Camps. (By Associated Press.1

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BERN, SWITERLAND, November 30.

One hundred and fifty-six American officers and noncommissioned officers, the first prisoners of war in Germany to be released through Switzerland, ere repatriated yesteday. The majority had been captured about five months ago. A large number of the men were aviators.

The men rode on a special train with French and British former prisoners.

The cepatriated men left Bavaria this morning and crossed Lake Constance. They were met at Zurich by enthusiastic crowds of Swiss and Americans, some of whom sat up all night to see the former prisoners. The welcome at Bern surpassed almost anything of this kind seen in Switzerland since the war.

PLAN HUGE AUTO TRIP

Bankhead Mitional Highway Associa-tion Delegation to Pass Through Richmond.

By Associated Press.1 WASHINGTON, November 20.—The Bankhead National Highway Associa-tion will conduct an automobile tour from Birmingham to Baitimore for the from Will conduct an automobile four from Birmingham to BaitImore for the purpose of praticipation in the tenth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress, December 8-15, It was announced to-night. The automobiles will leave Birmingham December 2 and will arrive in Atlanta the following day, Charlotte, December 4; Raleigh, December 5; Richmond, December 6, and Washington, December 7. The party will remain in Washington December 8 and leave for Baitimore the next day.

Entertainment features arranged for the party during its stay in Washington include a reception in the rotunda of the Capitol by the Southern Society of Washington, on arrival, and a social function at the University Club, Saturday night.

1,000 MEN LOSE JOBS

Order Prohibiting Brewing of Beer, Effective at Midnight, Affects Milwaukee Workers.

Milwaukee Workers.

MILWAUKEE, November 30,—Contrary to expectations, Milwaukee brewers will dispense with only about 1,000 men, those employed in the brewhouses after December 1, as a result of the order prohibiting the brewing of beer, effective that date. Other workers are not expected to be attected for another six months, because brewers have enough stock on hand to last that long.

CROWN PRINCE TO CONFER

Report Has It He Has Gone to Switzerland for Conference With Austrians.

GENEVA (via London), November 30.

—Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, has gone to Switzeriand for a conference with Austrian-German imperialists, with the view to restoring the Ex-Kalser and former Emperor Charles on the thrones, it is learned here from Berlin late to-day.

BAVARIA DEMANDS SEPARATE PEACE

Customs Authorities Let Down Bars, Eliminating Censorship of Mails

WASHINGTON, November 30.—
Customs nuthorities to-day removed practically the last of the war-time harbor restrictions by ordering elimination of the censorship of ships and consignee's mail carried by ships and most of the drastic practices relating to search of inbound and outbound vessels.

The examination of mail and other communications carried outside the regular mail service will be abandoned. December 9 for most shipping, but will be maintained partially for an indefinite period for shipping to and from European neutral countries contiguous to Germany to prevent transmission of improper documents. This exception for these neutral ports also applies to the scarch of vessels by customs inspectors.

Censorship of exporting moving-picture films, undertaken originally

to prevent the carrying out of military or other information of value to the enemy, also will cease December 9. This work has been carried on heretofore at nine ports through a stan of censors. Similarly, the censorship of phonograph records for export, heretofore directed at factories, has been abandoned.

The customs bureau also announced that it had removed harbor restrictions imposed under the esplonage act, which required the licensing of harbor craft, reporting and leensing of vessels in coast-wise trade, and the identification of officers and crews of constwise and harbor vessels. The prohibition against the use of emergs about harbors is removed.

Harbor police regulations, certain many restrictions and the requirements for the reporting of a few large coastwise steamers still remain in effect.

INEFFICIENCY NOTORIOUS, TRANSPORT WASHINGTON DECLARES MR. HUGHES

Notion That Conduct of Affairs by Battleship Pennsylvania and Five Government Tends to Efficiency Held as Superstition.

BIG BUSINESS HELD NECESSARY FORMERLY WAS CRACK LINER

However, Former Member of Supreme Court Holds That It Should Be Soundly Organized and Properly Supervised.

NEW YORK, November 30 .- Charles E. Hughes, speaking to-night before Columbia University, asserted that "governmental enterprise tends conembrace all industry."

should be brought about as soon as conditions. Such a control, he said,

der political control. That is the most serious; question."

Congress, he said, should provide a sensible plan for railroad regulation, permitting sound credit and growth, stabilizing securities, and insuring adequate service at reasonable rates. He also declared co-operation in industry to be just as essential in peace time as during the exigencies of war, and that hig business was needed, if soundly organized and properly supervised.

He further declared that serious labor conditions were looming on the horizon, and suggested that, in order to take up the labor slack, an effort should be made to start immediately all important public work throughout the country which has been held up during the war.

GERMAN FORCES ARE SLOW IN MOVING FROM RIVER

Roads Are Congested and Littered With Dead Horses and Wrecked Vehicles.

With the American army of Occupation, November 30 (By. courier to Nancy.).—While our advance guard reached the ancient city of Treves (Trier), on the Moselle nearly a week ago, the main forces of General Dickman's army are still outside of Germany proper. Word to cross into Rhenish Prussia is expected momentarity, however. into Rhenish Prussia is expected momentarily, however.

The Germans have withdrawn their rear guards from the Moselle and Sauer River. German guards no longer are posted on the bridges at Bellendorf, Echternach and Windon.

The roads leading to Treves and Coblenz are badly congested, and a swift movement en masse into Germany by American troops is consequently not looked for.

The Germans are making all possible consequences. looked for.

The Germans are making all possible haste in withdrawing from the regions which must be cleared under the armistice terms, but they have great difficulties owing to the congestion of the roads. Dead horses and wrecked vehicles litter the main avenues of retreat.

GOES TO SOUTHERN

G. R. Loyall Resigns as Assistant to Director Winchell of South-eastern Region.

ATLANTA, GA., November 30.—G. R. Loyall, operating assistant to B. L. Winchell, regional director of railroads for the Southeast, has resigned, and will to-morrow become assistant Federal manager of the Southern Railway system. way system.

J. T. King, formerly general super-intendent of transportation of the At-lantic Coast Line, will succeed Mr. Loyall as assistant to Director Win-chell.

MAKE RECORD FLIGHT

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Grant Rights to Women.

NEW ORLEANS, November 30.—The Louisiana annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to-day adopted a resolution favoring granting of laity rights to women.

De Haviland Plane Travels From Capital to New York in Hour and Fifty-five Minutes. By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, November 30.—There will be no general demobilization of the marine corps until after the conclusion of peace. Secretary Daniels said to-day, although such discharges as can be effected gradually without impairment of the service, will be granted.

For Your Convenience

The Times-Dispatch takes Want Ads service granting of laity rights to women.

A. M. and arrived at Garden City at 12:15 P. M.

NOW READY FOR TRIP

Destroyers Will Convoy President's Vessel.

Charge of Arrangements for the Entire Trip.

NEW YORK, November .30,-The American transport George Washington, selected by President Wilson to

he George Washington is not

OCCUPANTS OF AUTOMOBILE FIRE UPON AUTHORITIES

Huge Car Then Leaps Through the Gate on the Happahannock Bridge.

Gate on the Happahannock Bridge.

PREDERICKSBURG, VA., November 30.—Sergeant J. C. Chienester, Chief of Police S. B. Perry and Officer J. A. Stone, of this city, were watching the Free Bridge, over the Rappahannock at this city, at an early hour this morning for an automobile. About 3 o'clock it came along, and as it approached Officer Stone closed the gate on the bridge. Sergeant Chichester and Officer Perry followed the car across the bridge. The men in the car fired three times at Officer Stone and dashed through the gate.

The officers in Sergeant Chichester's car followed. At Chilesburg the car left the highway and the officers went on as far as North Anna bridge. They then turned and came back and met the car which had left the highway. The officers got in the road and attempted to stop the men. Several shots were fired. One bullet passed through the sergeant's coat and another through Officer Perry's trouser's leg. The car dashed by. The officers followed, all going at high speed. The big car finally ran into a ditch and the officers captured the men and took charge of the car. The men gave the names of C. P. Landers and R. J. Wark.

The car and men were brought here, and the men locked up. The car was found to contain 365 quarts of highgrade whisky.

PEANUT GROWERS WAIT

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Declare That Present Prices Are Below Cost of Production of Crop.

IBy Associated Press.]

NORFOLK, VA., November 30.—Declaring that the prices prevailing for production and handling, the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association, in session to-day at Suffolk, unanimously voted to ask the fixing of a just minimum price by the Federal food administration. The alternative agreed down, is an agreement materially to reduce the areage plainted noxt year. The co-operation of cleaners and handlers was asked. The association is declared to represent over 90 per cent of the peanut production of the two States.

MARINES REMAIN INTACT

Secretary Daniels Says There Will Be No General Demobilization for Some Time.

By Associated Press.]

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ARE CHARGING TREASON

Majority Socialists of Germany charge that Elisner is secretly in league with the imperialists and is plotting treason against the Socialists, according to statements printed in Vorwaerts. It is stated that because of his efforts in aid of the imperialists, Elisner, who has been a newspaper writer, was rewarded with a post in the German War Office early in the war. It is said he used every means at his command to military party's program, and urged his followers to subscribe to the Gorman War loans.

Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, former Forman War loans.

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IO RAŁLY AROUND HER SMALL POWERS

Premier Eisner Charges Berlin Caused War and Is Fomenting Revolt.

THE ABDICATION DECREE

Renounces All Rights to Crown and Releases Military Forces.

FORMER EMPEROR SIGNS

WOLFF ANNOUNCES PARTY AIMS

Declares That New Federation Secks Only to Make Germany Democratic Nation.

ZURICH (via Paris), November 30 -Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian Premier tiations for a separate peace.

her all the newly formed German re Been Selected by Wilson to Have publics, including German Austria, an replace Prussia as the dominant power within the shattered empire, mak-

In a speech at Munich, Premier Eis-

ner declared Berlin caused the war

and that the Berlin Foreign Office was

FORMER KAISER SIGNS
DECREE OF ABDICATION The abdication decree, according to

message is commented upon here as possibly significant.

The text of the former German Emperor's act of renunciation, which was issued by the new German government, "in order to reply to certain missunderstandings which have arisen with regard to the abdication," follows:

"By the present documents, I renounce forever my rights to the crown of Prussia and the rights to the German imperial crown. I release at the same time all the officials of the German empire and Prussia and also all officers, noncommissioned officers and soldiers of the Prussian navy and army and of contingents from confederate states from the oath of fidelity they have taken to me as their Emperor, King and Supreme Chief.

"I expect from them until a new organization of the German empire exists, that they will aid those who effectively hold the power in Germany to protect the German people against the menacing dangers of anarchy, famine and foreign domination, "Made and executed and signed by our own hand with the imperial seal at Amerongen, November 28.

(Signed) "WILLIAM."

DECREE APPARENTLY FAILS

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TO STRENGTHEN EBERT

There has been a nation-wide and in fact world-wide clamor for this proof "in black and white" that the former monarch was done with the crown and with all intentions to reseize it. But now that it has been given and published at last it seems to have given little, if any, strength to the Ebert government. The crudial struggle now on is that between Bayaria and Prussia, and it is in no "way affected by the abdication decree."

The all overshadowing fact is that from the outset of the revolution Bayaria and the other South German states determined that Prussia shall never again rise to a dominating position in the affairs of Germany. Some of the North German states are thoroughly in sympathy with this aim, and in the almost general support, outside of Prussia itself, lies the tremendous strength of Elsner's position.

MAJORITY SOCIALISTS

TO INTERN MACKENSEN'S

ARMY OF 170,000 MEN.

Messages received here to-night from Copenhagen declare that the Hungarian government has decided to internate whole of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army of 170,000, in accordance with a demand made by the French government. Von Mackensen is reported to have yielded to the decision.

From Berlin comes the news that the